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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO AMEMBASSY RABAT

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7763

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 7807

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, EFIN, TS, NI

SUBJ: POSSIBLE NIGERIAN CONCESSIONAL PETROLEUM SALES  
TO TUNISIA

REF: RABAT 6097

EMBASSY DOUBTS NIGERIA OR MAJOR ARAB OIL PRODUCER  
WOULD MAKE CONCESSIONAL SALES OF CRUDE OIL TO  
TUNISIA SINCE TUNISIA IS A NET EXPORTER OF CRUDE  
AND ALSO EXPORTS SOME REFINED PRODUCTS (NOTABLY JET  
FUEL AND BUNKERS) PRODUCED BY ITS BIZERTE REFINERY.  
IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM RETURNS FROM ITS PETROLEUM  
RESOURCES, TUNISIAN FREQUENTLY SELLS ITS HIGH-PRICED LIGHT,  
LOW-SULPHUR CRUDE AND IMPORTS CHEAPER HIGH-SULPHUR CRUDE  
FROM EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN FOR PROCESSING IN ITS  
REFINERY. IN ORDER TO INCREASE THESE BENEFITS, GOT  
WOULD CLEARLY BE VERY PLEASED OBTAIN CRUDE FOR  
BIZERTE REFINERY AT CONCESSIONAL PRICES RELATIVE  
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TO WORLD MARKET. HOWEVER, NO INDICATION HERE THAT

SUCH CONCESSIONAL SALES TO TUNISIA BEING CONTEMPLATED.  
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